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For: RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF MICROBIAL  
GENOTYPES AND PHENOTYPES

Examiner: Beisner, William

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 20, 2009 and requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.